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Service and to render all support and assistance to its agent. I inclose copy of sanitary code which I must say, however, is almost a dead letter except as abuses occur calling forth the complaint or protest of citizens. The health of the port continues excellent.

Very respectfully,

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COSTA RICA.

Sanitary report from Port Limon—Yellow fever at Alajuela.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *August 11, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit report for the week ended Thursday, August 10, 1899.

The following vessels have sailed from this port during the week: August 6, steamship *Anselm*, 35 crew, to New Orleans, 2 passengers. August 8, steamship *Aline*, 40 crew, to New York, 4 passengers.

The sanitary condition of Port Limon, Costa Rica, continues excellent, only 1 death, that of a colored infant, on the 4th instant, which was due to dentition, but the same satisfactory state of health does not apply to the adjacent country, inasmuch as yellow fever has developed at Alajuela, credited with a population of 7,000.

Alajuela is 115 miles from Port Limon, and 13 miles beyond San José, the capital of Costa Rica, and on the line of the railroad from said capital to Punta Arenas, the port of Costa Rica on the Pacific coast, a distance of slightly over 50 miles.

Dr. Septimus Steggall, of the Costa Rica railway hospital, and residing in Port Limon, was temporarily at San José, and, acting under instructions from the said company, visited Alajuela and reported that he had seen 4 cases of yellow fever in said city, 1 case being typical of the disease, albuminuria having been noted in a marked degree as one of the symptoms.

Dr. Rojas, one of the Government commission, especially appointed to inquire as to the nature of this suspicious disease, has, since his return to San José, been very ill, and his case is regarded as yellow fever, and it is so stated by the newspapers of San José of August 4 instant.

With the frequent and often prolonged interrupted communication, both by rail and wire, with the interior, it is difficult to get reliable information as to the actual status now existing at Alajuela.

There has not been any addition to the number of patients in either of the hospitals of Port Limon since last report, dated August 4; they remain the same, and the prevailing disease at this port is malarial fever of an intermittent type.

Respectfully, yours,

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